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S. African court convicts hijackers

PIETERMARITZBURG: South Africa, July 28 (R) — Defiant mercenary leader Col. Michael ("Mad Mike") Hoare, Wednesday told a court preparing to send him to jail for commanding an Air-India airliner he was proud of bringing his men back safely from an abortive Seychelles coup.

Hoare, number one accused in the protracted Pietermaritzburg hijack trial, was asked if he had anything to say in mitigation before sentencing. Standing straight and speaking in firm tones, he stated: "I'm glad, I did my duty as I saw it. I brought my men home safely and I'm proud of that."

Hoare and his chief lieutenant, freelance photographer Peter Duffy, were Tuesday found guilty on three counts of contravening anti-black laws by taking over the airliner and ordering it to fly from Mombasa in the Seychelles to Durban last November. Six others were convicted on two counts and 34 of the all-white mercenary group found guilty on one charge. One man brought back wounded from the fighting at Mombasa airport was acquitted.

Presiding Judge Neville James will pass sentence Thursday after hearing other mitigation pleas.

Kenya bars Odinga from foreign travel

NAIROBI, July 28 (AFP) — The Kenya government has impounded the passport of former vice-president and opposition leader, Oginga Odinga. The Standard newspaper reported Wednesday.

Immigration officers went to Odinga's house in Kisumu town, 260 km north-west of Nairobi, and impounded his passport, he told the newspaper. They gave no reasons for the step. Odinga planned to form a socialist party in Kenya.

In February, Odinga had attacked the government for failing to eliminate diminution of the economy by national and international forces.

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Habib expects PLO reply tomorrow Beirut attacked again

U.N. gets joint resolution

TEL AVIV, July 28 (Agencies) — U.S. presidential envoy Philip C. Habib has promised Israel that by Friday he will know whether the Palestine Liberation Organization will leave Beirut peacefully. Prime Minister Menahem Begin said Wednesday. Habib arrived in Beirut Wednesday.

Begin told a group of Israeli academics that Habib promised to seek "an unequivocal commitment" by the PLO to leave, and would give Israel the answer "within two days." Begin said Syria, Jordan and Egypt had apparently agreed to take in some of the PLO commandos trapped in Beirut, clearing away one of the major obstacles to a diplomatic solution of the Beirut crisis.

Habib reportedly was working on a staged evacuation of the PLO from Lebanon.

As a first step, according to Israeli reports, the commandos would concentrate on the Syrian-controlled Bekaa Valley before being dispersed to other Arab countries. But Begin's spokesman Uri Porat said Israel would not accept that plan. "What is clear is that the commandos must leave Beirut and Lebanon. Otherwise, it will all start again."

Begin only hinted at the consequences if the PLO refused to leave the Lebanese capital. "We are deliberating. We are hesitating. First of all we don't want our soldiers injured," he said.

In Damascus, Syrian President Hafez Assad pledged Tuesday to give all necessary support to Palestinian, Syrian and Lebanese nationalist fighters in West Beirut, a senior Palestinian official said. Palestine National Council Speaker Khaled Fauhoun told Reuters the president gave the promise at a meeting with leaders of five major Palestinian commando groups.

Fauhoun said Lebanon had been the main topic of discussion, and he described the views of the two sides as identical. The official Syrian Arab News Agency said in a brief report that the four-hour meeting had covered Lebanon and "the general Arab stance."

Meanwhile, Israeli air raids and naval and artillery exchanges with Palestinian forces resumed in Beirut Wednesday morning after a brief pause which began at dawn. Israeli bombers attacked Palestinian positions in West and South Beirut for the seventh consecutive day. The planes flew over the city several times at low altitude before beginning a one-hour air raid that ended at 12:30 (1030 GMT).

Areas hit Wednesday were the Sabra, Shatila and Bir Hassan neighborhoods — where the Kuwait Embassy is located — in West Beirut and the international airport in South Beirut.

A Lebanese police barracks in central West Beirut was hit by shells fired by the Israeli navy, leaving four persons injured and causing heavy damage, the official Lebanese radio said.

The Israeli navy also pounded the coast along Beirut's seaside residential districts Wednesday, the radio said, destroying buildings and causing an unspecified number of casualties. Artillery exchanges between Israeli and Palestinian forces resumed earlier in southern Beirut.

The shelling resumed after several hours of calm following heavy artillery exchanges which left more than 350 dead here Tuesday and early Wednesday.

In Moscow, the official Soviet news agency Tass reported that Israeli phosphorus shells and fire-bombs exploded in the grounds of the Soviet Union's Lebanese embassy overnight as well as near the Soviet trade delegation offices in the Lebanese capital.

BR drivers relent on flexible shifts

LONDON, July 28 (R) — Britain's train drivers have authorized their union leadership to conclude an agreement with British Rail (BR) on the introduction of flexible working shifts.

Delegates to a recalled conference of the Associated Society of Locomotive Engineers and Firemen (ASLEF) agreed to work the flexible rosters under protest and subject to certain safeguards on job security. ASLEF General Secretary Ray Buckton told reporters Tuesday.

But because ASLEF is still formally committed to a guaranteed eight-hour day, he predicted possible difficulties in implementing new timetables.

Working flexible shifts, which meant an end to the guaranteed eight-hour day, was the central issue behind a two-week national train strike, called by ASLEF leaders to protest against introduction of the new rosters by BR at a number of depots.

Lee pleads not guilty

SHOUK, July 28 (R) — State prosecutors Wednesday urged a court to find a former general related to South Korean President Chun Doo Hwan guilty of taking bribes and sentence him to five years in prison with a fine of about \$135,000.

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Ex-General Lee Kyu-Kwang, 57, an uncle of the president's wife, pleaded not guilty to the charge of accepting bribes totalling about \$135,000 but admitted receiving twice that sum in gifts from a prominent couple on trial for masterminding an alleged multi-million dollar bribe.

In Tel Aviv, an Israeli spokesman confirmed the raids which he said were targeted at Palestinian positions south of Beirut, notably in the Shatila neighborhood and around the sports stadium. Israeli navy and artillery also shelled Palestinian positions around the international airport and the Sabra and Hya Salam neighborhoods, he said.

A PLO communiqué placed Tuesday's casualty toll at 350 dead and 395 wounded in Palestinian camps and in West Beirut's residential neighborhoods.

King receives Khaddam

JEDDAH, July 28 (SPA) — King Fahd received Syrian Deputy Premier and Foreign Affairs Minister Abdul Halim Khaddam at the royal palace here Wednesday.

Khaddam arrived here earlier in the day to attend an Arab League ministerial committee meeting. The committee discussed the outcome of the members' visit to certain countries, especially the U.N. Security Council's five permanent members, on the

UNITED NATIONS, July 28 (AP) — Egypt and France submitted Wednesday to the U.N. Security Council a joint resolution to a ceasefire in Lebanon. U.N. monitors disengagement around Beirut and the international airport and the Sabra and Hya Salam neighborhoods, he said.

Egyptian Ambassador A. Esmar Abdul Meguid and French Ambassador Luc de La Barre de Nanteuil, a member of the 15-nation council, disclosed their initiative to reporters after the two met privately with Guyanese Ambassador Noel G. Sinclair, council presi-

dent for July. They said that they would hand

in a formal resolution on "the situation in the Middle East" based on a rough draft the two had circulated privately to council members July 2. They said they expected the council would hold a public meeting Thursday to take up the resolution.

"But we are not asking for a vote — just to present it," La Barre de Nanteuil said. "It is time to put it now formally on the table," Meguid told reporters.

He said he and La Barre de Nanteuil wanted to get the council members' reactions to their text and were open to suggestions for amending it.

Members of Meguid's delegation said it would involve some changes in the rough draft of July 2. That draft calls for "the departure of all non-Lebanese forces, except those authorized by the legitimate and representative authorities of Lebanon" and supports the Lebanese government's efforts to get exclusive control of its capital and all Lebanese territory and to interpose Lebanese troops in and around Beirut.

Meanwhile, the draft demands that Israeli forces around Beirut retreat "to an agreed distance" as a first step toward total withdrawal from Lebanon and that Palestinian fighters withdraw from West Beirut to camps "preferably outside Beirut...so putting an end to their military activities."

The draft asks U.N. Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar, by agreement with Lebanon, to station U.N. military observers in Beirut immediately to supervise ceasefire and disengagement. It also asks him to report on prospects for putting U.N. peacekeeping troops beside the Lebanese interposition troops.

One section calls for Middle East negotiations, including the PLO that would "reaffirm the right of all states in the region to existence and security in accordance with Security Council Resolution 242 (1967), 'affirm the Palestinians' national rights and right to self-determination, and require mutual and simultaneous recognition between the parties concerned.'

The draft asks Cuellar to make proposals to those ends to the Security Council "in consultation with all the parties concerned, including the representatives of the Palestinian people."

Meanwhile, the U.N. Palestinian Rights Committee recommended Tuesday that the international conference on the question of Palestine be held in Paris in 1983, either July 20-31 or Aug. 16-26. The U.N. General Assembly decided last Dec. 10 that such a conference should be held no later than 1984. The nonaligned coordinating bureau meeting in Nicosia, Cyprus, July 15-17 called for it to take place in 1983.

Mrs. Lucille Mair of Jamaica, secretary-general of the conference, told the committee Tuesday that "achievement of Palestinian rights" was "the central issue of the Middle East crisis" and "tragic events" stemming from Israel's invasion of Lebanon showed how urgent it was.

Cluster bomb curb extended

WASHINGTON, July 28 (R) — President Reagan has decided to extend indefinitely a week-old suspension on delivery of cluster bomb ammunition to Israel. The State Department has announced.

The suspension was imposed last week while the administration considered whether Israel's use of cluster bombs in Lebanon violated a secret U.S.-Israeli agreement governing use of American-supplied weapons. State Department spokesman Dean Fischer said the president's latest action was the result of what he called a policy decision and did not represent a finding that Israel had violated the secret agreement.

Fischer declined to give details of Reagan's latest action, which was described in a letter sent to Congress Tuesday. The spokesman said the letter was classified because of the sensitivity of negotiations on a Lebanon settlement being headed by special U.S. envoy Philip Habib. The suspension involves 1,400 155-millimeter shells, which explode and spray hundreds of tiny "bomblets" over a wide area. Cluster weapons can be in either aerial bomb or artillery shell form.

Jewish leader flays U.S. policy

BONN, July 28 (R) — Former World Jewish Congress President Nahum Goldmann was quoted Wednesday saying U.S. policy in the Middle East was "catastrophic" and that Soviet involvement was necessary for a lasting peace.

Goldmann, 87, said in an interview with the Social Democratic Party (SPD) newspaper *Vorwärts* that the U.S. was largely to blame for the situation in the area. "I believe present American policies are catastrophic," he said. "But I am nevertheless still hopeful, particularly since the departure of Secretary of State Haig and the arrival of (George) Shultz, who is much more balanced in policies toward Arabs and Jews."

Goldmann said Washington had caused chaos in the Middle East partly because of the

September 1973 war.

Presidential aides said Wednesday that the postponement was due to the president's busy timetable. But diplomats and press commentators said Mitterrand apparently took the decision to signal his concern over the kidnapping of writer Virgil Tanase and other human rights problems.

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Iran launched operation "Ramadan" July 13, sending waves of troops across the Iraqi border with the announced intention of toppling the Baghdad government and of marching on to liberate Jerusalem from Israeli occupation.

Iraqi troops repelled the invaders in a series of counter-attacks and Iranian troops are now bogged down in a narrow four kms

strip on parched marshland northeast of Iraq's strategic port city of Basra.

Rafsanjani, speaking after a meeting with Ayatollah Khomeini, said Iranian troops were "in a good position," but were holding off their advance in order to "give Iraq an opportunity to think more." "If they accept our demands it is okay, otherwise we will go to get our rights and if (Iraqi President) Saddam Hussein continues the current state of affairs, he would pay more reparations."

Jerusalem houses the Al-Aqsa Mosque, Islam's third holiest shrine. Israel annexed the Arab sector of Jerusalem in the summer of 1967. Prime Minister Musawi, speaking at the end of an Iranian cabinet session Wednesday, said that Palestine was part of the "Islamic homeland," according to the state-run radio. He added that "no person or organization may make a gift of it. Any compromise with Israel will be tantamount to confronting the will of one billion Muslims."

Meanwhile, Rafsanjani denied Iran was seeking Algerian mediation in the Gulf war because "we do not need mediators."

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Relief goals outlined

Saud reviews aid plan

By Suresh Shah
Arab News Staff

JEDDAH, July 28 — Foreign Minister Prince Saud Al-Faisal was briefed Tuesday evening on decisions taken by Arab Red Crescent and Red Cross Society executive committee members on speedy actions to be taken to provide relief to the Lebanese and Palestinian people from sufferings caused by



Enrique De La Mata

National societies will also coordinate their action with the International Red Cross, to channel the relief being sent to Lebanon. Prince Saud reaffirmed the Kingdom's support to the Palestinian cause during the session. He said that the purpose of the meeting was to acquaint world public opinion with the facts obtained in Lebanon and the calamities that country was undergoing at the hands of the Zionists, victimizing both the Lebanese and Palestinian peoples.

Prince Saud said the meeting will have positive results by the granting of humanitarian and material aid to the victims. It will also help block some of the atrocities the enemy plans to keep carrying out. Bahrain Information Minister and Chairman of the Arab group Tariq Al-Moayad, who presided over the one-day executive

committee meeting, told *Arab News* that the foreign minister wished them every success in their gigantic task and reaffirmed the Kingdom's support for the cause.

Moayyad said during the meeting it was recommended to speed up the mechanism for effectively using gifts from Arab societies. He also expressed the hope that the organizations and societies will respond to this proposal and speed up the supply of aid to enable the faster implementations of relief operations.

He said the International Committee for Red Cross (ICRC) will continue efforts to alleviate the suffering of Lebanese and Palestinian people and in their internationally acceptable position, will bring pressure on Israel to obtain better treatment for both war prisoners and civilians.

International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Society President Enrique De La Mata, who was here to attend the meeting, told *Arab News* "we are working in close cooperation with ICRC. Our activities are concentrated in the field of medical assistance and social services for Palestinian and Lebanese people."

"Today we have reached an agreement to send daily reports about the activities and to have another meeting not later than Aug. 20 to review the situation," added De La Mata.

He said this coordination of activity and efforts will help in better use of monetary resources and better assistance to war victims.

"Personally I am very much afraid of the present situation in the conflict, but in my capacity as president, I want to do all I can to try to find best routes to peace. We must make appeals and request them to rely on dialogue and against conflict," he added.

"In a situation like this it is important to try to solve questions on humanitarian grounds, rather than on political ones. De La Mata added. "We must use all moral authority in favor of peace, appealing for governments to go through dialogue to solve the problem."



SUPPORT REAFFIRMED: Foreign Minister Prince Saud Al-Faisal discussed relief work in Lebanon and other areas affected by the Israeli invasion Tuesday night with Bahraini Information Minister Tariq El Moayyad.

Agricultural pact signed with China

JEDDAH, July 28 (CNA) — A new five-year Sino-Saudi agricultural cooperation agreement was signed Wednesday to expand current cooperative projects between the two countries.

The agreement, the second five-year pact, was signed by Saudi Agriculture and Water Minister Dr. Abdul Rahman Al-Sheikh and Chinese Ambassador Hsueh Yu-chi at the minister's office in Riyadh. Witnessing the ceremony were Deputy minister Muhammad Ali Makki and other officials.

Under the agreement beginning this year, the Saudi government will appropriate SR70 million over the five-year period to finance various cooperative projects. The sum is three-and-a-half times as much as the amount provided for in the first agreement beginning in 1977.

Chinese experts, according to the agreement, will continue to provide consultancy to agricultural projects here, train Saudi Arabs working in agriculture, introduce small farming equipment to the Kingdom, and introduce and propagate new economically feasible crops with special emphasis on extension work, including teaching local farmers to use new farming techniques and to grow new, high-yield varieties.

Agriculture is the vanguard of Sino-Saudi economic and technical cooperation which goes back to the mid-1960s when the Chinese government sent several experts here to help improve rice production. The cooperation was first expanded in 1971 and further expanded in 1977 when the first five-year agreement began.

In the past five years, Chinese experts working in Hofuf, Qassim and Abha, have

developed and introduced to local farmers many new varieties of rice, wheat, vegetable, fruits, and melons. The most notable achievement was the development of Hassawi No. 1 rice variety, a hybrid between a local red rice variety and a dwarf, high-yield variety from China which has enabled local farmers to increase their production of red rice from two tons per hectare to an average of five tons.

Al-Sheikh expressed his appreciation for the Republic of China's efforts in the fruitful cooperation and added that the cooperation will not only be continued but further expanded for greater achievements.

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SIDF disburses SR3b to Saudi-foreign ventures

RIYADH, July 28 (SPA) — A total of SR3 billion has been disbursed in loans to Saudi-foreign joint industrial ventures by the Saudi Industrial Development Fund (SIDF) up to the end of the 1980-81 fiscal year.

According to the SIDF annual report Wednesday, the number of the joint ventures reached 190 with foreign ownership of paid up capital averaging 21 percent. SIDF is the main channel of public finance for private manufacturing, cold storage and electricity projects. Established in 1974, the fund provides interest-free loans for the construction, expansion and modernization of private industries.

Reviewing SIDF achievements during the past six years, the annual report pointed out that the fund played a prominent role in providing administrative, technical and marketing support needed for the success of the projects it finances. To guarantee implementation and operation of the projects, SIDF pursues a follow-up system through which it reviews financial statements regularly, in addition to technical check-up of buildings and equipment.

This follow-up system also provides for scrutinizing operational efficiency and evaluation of administrative potentials. SIDF is in constant contact and coordination with authorities in charge of industrial development in the country, the report stressed.

Dealing with cold storage projects, the report revealed that SIDF approved SR156 million in loans for establishing 35 projects during the year 1980-81. The fund was entrusted to manage a program for financing cold storage projects in 1979 by the Finance and National Economy Ministry. At that time, the program was allocated SR200 million.

SIDF has committed itself to finance 46

cold stores in various parts of the Kingdom. Of the SR156 million loans approved, SR54 million was actually disbursed by the end of the 1980-81 fiscal year which saw eight of the projects go on stream.

Meanwhile, 10 loans were approved during the same year for industries involved in building materials. The 10 projects featured the use of advanced technology and large capital. Their production ranges from red bricks, pipes, ceramic tiles and fiberglass. By the end of the fiscal year, sales revenues within the industry increased by an annual margin of 65 percent.

The report said there are 10 red brick manufacturing factories in the Kingdom at present. Their overall annual production reached 900,000 tons. Five similar industries are under construction, while another two are in the planning stage, the report added.

SIDF is more closely linked to the pipe industry. By the end of 1980-81, there were 17 pipe factories in the country. The fund also has a prominent role in developing the cement industry in Saudi Arabia. Loans granted by SIDF to the six cement factories amount to SR2 billion. The fund's active participation boosted the total cement production to four million tons by the end of the fiscal year 1980-81. Saudi Arabian cement production is expected to reach 10 million tons per annum shortly, the annual report said, when the plants operate at full capacity.

In the commodities sector, where demand for loans is on the rise, SIDF provided SR268 million in loans during the 1980-81 year. That brought total SIDF loans to consumer industries to SR2.457 billion. The annual report said 28 new projects went on stream during the year as a result of SIDF's financing especially in mineral water, dairy products, meat packaging, pasta, light meals, paper products, furniture and plastic products.

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Dhuhr (Noon)	12:37	12:28	11:59	11:46	12:10	12:40
Asr (Afternoon)	3:45	3:53	3:25	3:15	3:40	4:14
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Soviets massacre 2,000 Afghans

STOCKHOLM, July 28 (AFP) — Soviet and Afghan forces have razed six Afghan villages to the ground and massacred 2,000 villagers in Logar province, south of Kabul. Carl Schoenmeyer of the Swedish Development Agency told the newspaper *Dagens Nyheter* here.

Schoenmeyer, vice-chairman of the Swedish-Afghan Committee, said members of the exiled Afghan resistance movement told him during a recent visit to Peshawar, Pakistan, that 200 freedom fighters were killed by Soviet-led Afghan soldiers during the operations.

Schoenmeyer said the villages — Agha, Baraki, Sajawand, Barak, Ab-Dara and Pad-Khub — with a total population of 5,000 were destroyed for allegedly assisting the resistance movement in the area whose roads are of vital strategic importance.

Schoenmeyer, who worked for the United Nations International Children's Fund (UNICEF) in Afghanistan for three years, said that French doctors were on the way to the area. He said the offensive was launched using "new tactics" from Kabul, and Ghazni and Gardez south of the capital. MiG planes first bombed the villages, with the Soviet units acting as the rear guard. The villagers were reportedly killed by helicopter fire.

The Afghan troops then reportedly reduced what remained of the villages to nothing, pillaging the homes and "firing on anything that moved." Schoenmeyer said systems providing the water supply and agricultural installations were damaged and burned.

3 Israelis killed during training

TEL AVIV, July 28 (R) — Three Israeli soldiers were killed Tuesday during military training in an old Jordanian minefield in the occupied West Bank, a military spokesman said.

The accident occurred near the town of Jenin, which was occupied by Israel from the Jordanians during the 1967 Mideast war. The spokesman gave no further details.

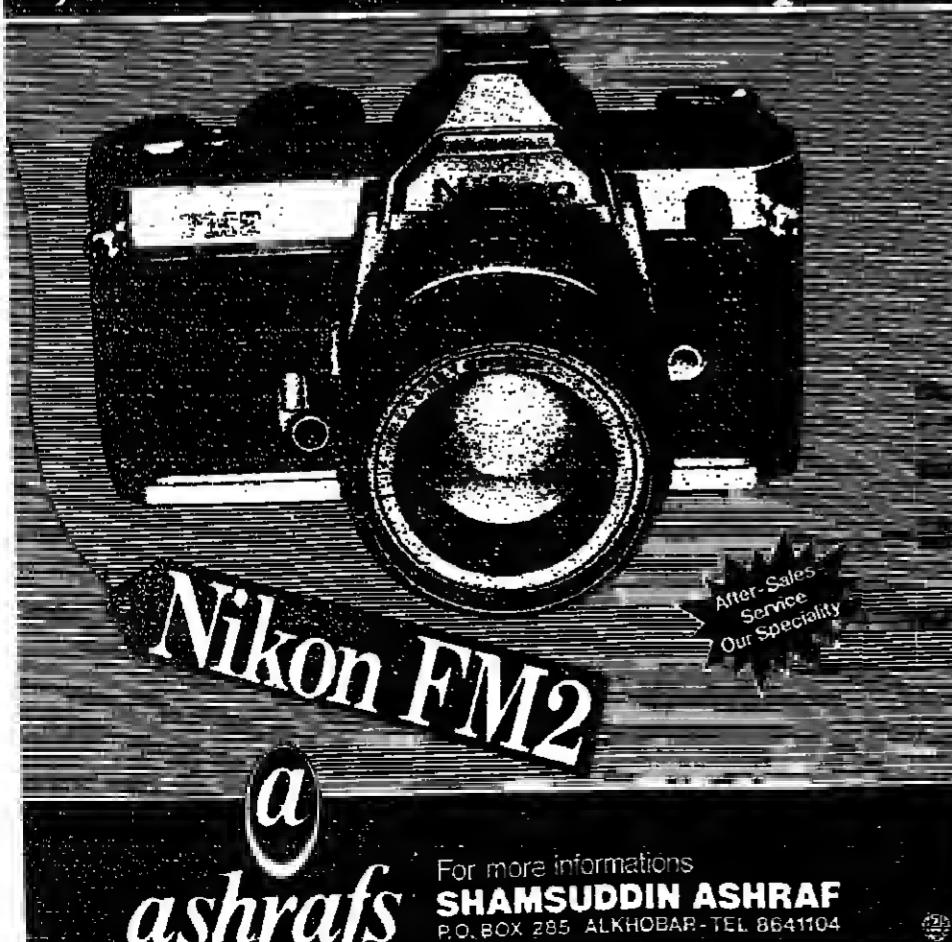
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As America completes airlift

Somalia to ask for more arms

DOHA, Qatar, July 28 (Agencies) — The Somali foreign minister has been quoted as saying that his country, which is receiving arms from the United States, will require more weapons "so long as the Soviets and Ethiopians harbor territorial claims against Somalia."

Abdrihan Jama Barre arrived in Doha Monday. He told two Qatari newspapers, *Al-Rayah* and the *Gulf Times*, that Ethiopia's attacks against Somalia are part of what he called a Soviet plan to control Arab and Islamic resources.

Ethiopia which has been involved in long-standing border disputes with Somalia, has

denied any involvement in the recent fighting, claiming the attacks had been carried out by dissident Somalis.

Barre called for more Arab support for Somalia, which belongs to the Arab League.

Meanwhile in Washington, the Defense Department said Tuesday, the United States has completed an airlift of military equipment to Somalia. "We have airlifted some military equipment to Somalia," spokesman Henry Catto said.

Some defense officials have indicated that the shipments, sent in what were described as a few planes, included air defense weapons and radar.

Sudan, Ethiopia view Horn dispute

KHARTOUM, July 28 (AP) — Sudan's Vice President Omar Muhammed Al Tayeb met with top Ethiopian officials Wednesday on bilateral relations and Ethiopia's border conflict with Somalia, the official news agency reported.

In a dispatch from the Ethiopian capital Addis Ababa, the agency quoted Al Tayeb as saying disputes in the Horn of Africa might invite superpower conflict in the area.

Sudan receives military and economic aid from the United States and Ethiopia receives support from Moscow. There recently has

been friction between the two countries arising from alleged Sudanese support for guerrillas in Ethiopia's northern province of Eritrea.

Al-Tayeb departed for Addis Ababa on Tuesday, carrying a message for Ethiopian leader Mengistu Haile Mariam from President Jaafar Numeiri.

Al-Tayeb is expected to be in Addis Ababa for three days. He is meeting with Fikri Selassie, secretary-general of the Ethiopian Provisional Military Administrative Council, the country's ruling body.

The English-language paper, a sister of the Communist Party newspaper *People's Daily*, said the United States and the Soviet Union also are taking advantage of the war to intensify their rivalry in the Middle East. "With each professing neutrality, they are reaping third-party profits through arms sales, either direct or via intermediaries," it added. "Their sophisticated weaponry is being tested with Muslim lives and blood, to mention just one instance."

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Superpowers, Israel 'benefit from Gulf war'

PEKING, July 28 (AP) — An official Chinese newspaper said Tuesday the Iran-Iraq war has "weakened the Islamic countries' precious unity to face their common foe — the Israeli expansionists."

"In these warring months, the Zionists have successively taken steps to annex the West Bank of the Jordan River and Syria's Golan Heights. They are now besieging Beirut and threatening a genocidal massacre of the Palestinian people," the *China Daily* said.

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To find compromise solution

OAU session again delayed

TRIPOLI, July 28 (R) — A meeting of African foreign ministers was postponed Wednesday for the third consecutive day as officials tried to find a compromise solution to a dispute over the Western Sahara.

Botswana Foreign Minister Archie Mogwe said the date of the session, and that of a full summit of the Organization of African Unity (OAU) due to open here next week, depended on the Polisario Front agreeing not to attend the heads of state meeting. He told reporters a suggested compromise was that the Polisario's self-proclaimed Saharan Arab Democratic Republic (SADR) "might withdraw voluntarily and temporarily" from the summit.

Mogwe was chairman of the last OAU ministerial session in Addis Ababa in February.

CAIRO, July 28 (AP) — The presidents of Egypt and the Soviet Union have exchanged messages on the 30th anniversary of the 1952 revolution that toppled King Farouk. The official Middle East News Agency reported Wednesday.

Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev hailed the revolution for paving the way for "national integrity and Egypt's independence." Responding, Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak thanked Brezhnev and expressed hope for the success and happiness of the Soviet people.

BRIEFS

London (R) — Iran has accused the United States of more than 20 violations of the Algiers agreement under which the U.S. Embassy hostages in Teheran were released last year. The National News Agency Iran quoted the Iranian official responsible for implementation of the January, 1981 agreement, whom it named only as Dr. Mousamadi, as saying the violations included failure by the United States to release all Iranian assets held in U.S. banks or to deliver goods bought by Iran.

ANKARA (AP) — Sudanese President Jafar Numeiri will pay three-day official visit to Turkey beginning Sunday, it was announced here Tuesday.

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — The U.N. Children's Fund announced Tuesday that the United States had agreed to give it \$2.8 million for emergency relief in war-torn Lebanon. The fund — commonly called UNICEF — said the money would be spent mostly to repair the Ras El Ain water pumping station near Tyre in Southern Lebanon.

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In Volvo Grand Prix

Unheralded Masur gives Kriek a scare

NORI CONWAY, New Hampshire, July 28 (AP) — Fifth-seeded John Kriek of South Africa survived one match point and a final set tiebreaker to defeat qualifier Wally Masur of Australia 7-5, 1-6, 14-12 in the first round of a \$200,000 Grand Prix Tennis Tournament on Tuesday.

Seventh-seeded Jose Higueras of Spain also advanced with a 6-4, 6-3 victory over 17-year-old Jimmy Brown, U.S., in the Volvo Tournament. In a late schedule change, top-seeded Guillermo Vilas and third-seeded defending champion Jose Luis Clerc, both of Argentina, had their first matches pushed back to Wednesday.

Fresh from his Grand Prix victory Monday night in Washington, Ivan Lendl of Czechoslovakia, seeded second, also was expected to play his first round match on Wednesday. Kriek, 24, ranked 11th in the world, had an uphill fight in the third set against Masur, 19.

Masur, the 10th-ranked junior player in the world last year, has found little success on the pro tour and is ranked 16th in the world. However, he led 5-3 in the final set and appeared to have the biggest victory of his career before Kriek rallied.

Kriek, a quarterfinalist at Wimbledon this year, won the next three games before Masur held serve to force the match into a 12-point tiebreaker. Kriek took a 4-1 lead and led 6-3 before losing three consecutive match points. Then he double faulted but followed with two winning volleys before a wide backhand passing shot by Masur ended the match.

In other first round action, Spaniard Fernando Luna blasted American Ferdi Taygan 6-2, 6-0, Kevin Kerns of U.S. got the better of South African Daniel Visser 7-5, 6-3, Argentine Pablo Arraya prevailed over American Craig Witus in an extended



Chinaglia...only forward sure of place

U.S. swimmers face tough task

GUAYAQUIL, Ecuador, July 28 (R) — The powerful American swimming machine gets its first real crack at the opposition for four years when the fourth World Championships begin here Thursday.

Because of the American boycott of the 1980 Moscow Olympics it is four years since the world's top swimmers last met in the World Championships in West Berlin in 1978. As usual the main battle will be between the star-studded American team — they can afford to leave three current world record-holders behind — and eastern Europe.

In the women's events, the stage is set for a thrilling confrontation between the United States and East Germany, led by Ute Geweniger. The East Germans dominated the first two World Championships, in Belgrade in 1973 and in Cali, Colombia in 1975, but the U.S. turned the tables in West Berlin.

Geweniger who holds the world record for the 100 meters breaststroke and 200 meters medley, has assumed the mantle of the great East German swimmers of the past such as Barbara Krause and Kornelia Ender. In last year's European Championship she claimed five golds and a silver medal. Tracey Caukins, who collected five first places in West Berlin, is still the dominant American figure at the veteran age of 19.

The way cool, calm Krishnans play games

SOUTH ORANGE, New Jersey, July 28 (AP) — India's Ramanathan Krishnan is no ordinary tennis father, doting over his son Ramesh on the professional tour.

Whereas many tennis parents are relegated to the role of chaperone and adviser, the Krishnans sometimes cross paths as active touring pros.

Both were playing this week in a clay court event at the Orange Lawn Tennis Club. The elder Krishnan, 47, competed in the Grand Masters' tournament preceding the \$125,000 Grand Prix event his son entered.

"A funny thing happened this morning," said 21-year-old Ramesh, who grabbed international headlines last summer with an excellent quarterfinal international headlines last summer with an excellent quarterfinal effort against John McEnroe at the U.S. Open.

"I signed up for a practice court and when I came out to the court, there was my father practicing... I told him I would look elsewhere for a court, but my father, who felt badly, said I should come back if I have to," he said Tuesday.

Ramanathan, ranked among the world's

top 10 players from 1959-62, was the mainstay of the Indian Davis Cup team for 17 years, captured the Wimbledon junior event in 1954 and six years later became the only Indian ever to advance as far as the semifinals in the main draw of the All-England Championships.

Ramesh is in better condition this year than he was when he competed in this tournament last summer. The young player from Madras, the hometown of the tennis-playing Amritraj family, is down from 155 pounds (70 kgs) to 140 (63 kgs).

"I'm faster now, and I don't think I lost any strength," said Ramesh, who captured his second pro tournament this month.

Barry Sheene injured

SILVERSTONE, England, July 28 (AP) — Former World Motocycling Champion Barry Sheene was injured in a crash at the Silverstone track Wednesday and taken to a nearby hospital, the British Broadcasting Corporation reported.

Sheene, 32, was taking part in an unofficial practice session for Sunday's British Grand Prix. He was reported to have collided with two other riders. All three were taken to Northampton general hospital, the BBC said.



Steve Ovett, Coe to clash in pet events at Brisbane

LONDON, July 28 (AP) — Sebastian Coe and Steve Ovett will contest both the 800 meters and the 1,500 meters at the Commonwealth Games in Brisbane, Australia in October.

The double selection, which both English athletes requested, sets up a repeat of the 1980 Moscow Olympic duels between the two middle-distance aces. Ovett won the 800 meters gold medal and Coe then took the 1,500 meters.

The two have not raced against each other since the Olympics, but are scheduled to meet over a mile at Eugene, Oregon, on September 25. Both still have to prove their complete fitness.

Coe has been troubled by leg injuries this season, and Ovett was forced to take a two-week break because of a stomach ailment.

Their inclusion in both events means there is no place in the England team.

With injured players returning to the squad

Star-studded Cosmos has coach in a spot

EAST RUTHERFORD, New Jersey, July 28 (AP) — The North American Soccer League's metropolitan New York team, the Cosmos, has a problem most teams would envy: Too many highly talented players.

"I'm going to do like we did in Santos when we had 22 stars, I'm going to grab all the shirts and throw them up in the air. The first ones I grab go in the lineup," quipped Cosmos coach Julio Mazzei, who was at the Brazilian club Santos when Pele played there in the early 1970s.

It is the Cosmos' phenomenal depth this season that has propelled the club to the top of the league despite a rash of injuries that would have crippled most teams. Many of the Cosmos' players, such as Dutch stars Johan Neeskens and Wim Rijksbergen, were heroes in their homelands after successful World Cup campaigns.

But the same qualities that make the Cosmos a certainty for the playoffs that begin next month and a favorite to win this year's league championship in September also pose difficulties for their coach.

"Unfortunately, a club cannot have all of

At Edgbaston

Qadir may put England to test

BIRMINGHAM, England, July 28 (AP) — Pakistan, boasting tremendous batting strength and a prolific wicket-taking leg spinner, will provide a real test for England when the two teams meet in the first cricket Test at Edgbaston from Thursday.

Abdul Qadir, the spinner who has been the surprise of the tour, did not play in Pakistan's two defeats against England in Prudential Trophy One-Day matches but has taken 42 tour wickets at an average of 15.5.

His introduction to the Pakistan attack, where he links with captain Imran Khan and his pace bowling partner Sarfraz Nawaz, gives the tourists greater bowling depth than in the limited-overs games. Pakistan also boasts a strong batting lineup. Javed Miandad, Mudassar Nazar, Zaheer Abbas and Mohsin Khan all have formidable averages.

This quartet, plus veteran Majid Khan or Mansoor Akhtar, Wasim Raja and Imran, gives the visitors batting strength right down to No. 7.

Such depth seems certain to examine the stamina of England captain Bob Willis and his bowlers who, Ian Botham apart, are not of the highest caliber. Willis, who leads England at his home ground, is fortunate in being able to call on Geoff Miller, Derek Pringle, Ian Greig, and even Mike Gatting — all-rounders who can bowl if needed.

England goes into the match without a recognized pair of opening batsmen. Chris

Tavare, ponderous but reliable, will be partnered by Derek Randall. Geoff Cook's place is taken by the in-form Gatting, who will bat lower down the order.

With South African-born Allan Lamb, a revelation since his inclusion, David Gower and Botham to bat before Gatting, the England lineup looks solid.

David Gower, hit in the face by a cricket ball Tuesday is almost certain to be fit to play for England. Gower was struck on the cheek playing for Leicestershire against Essex and the wound needed four stitches.

The England batsmen telephoned Leicestershire secretary Mike Turner Wednesday morning to report that his vision was not impaired by the injury. "He is very hopeful of being able to play in the Test," Turner said.

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As Astros edge Reds

Ryan posts 200th career win

NEW YORK, July 28 (AP) — Nolan Ryan won his 200th career game Tuesday night, pitching a five-hitter and striking out 13, as the Houston Astros edged Cincinnati Reds 3-2 as Terry Puhl scored the winning run, a single in the eighth inning.

Puhl's infield single off Fern's glove in the bottom of the eighth inning scored Ray Knight from second base with a run. Knight led off the eighth with a single off Charlie Leibrandt, 3-6, and took second when left fielder Eddie Milner's throw to second was wild. Art Howe walked, setting the stage for Puhl's hit.

The 12 strikeouts were a season-high for Ryan, 11-9, and extended his own Major League records with 10 or more strikeouts to 143. It was the eighth time this year the Houston right-hander has reached double figures.

The Reds took the lead in the first inning, as Cesar scored a run for the Reds. Tony Scott doubled in a Houston run. The Astros went ahead 2-1 in the third on Ray Knight's RBI double before Cincinnati tied it in the fourth on Paul Householder's single and Ron Oester's two base hit.

In other National League action, Gary Carter's homer in the first inning powered Steve Rogers and the Montreal Expos to a 4-3 victory over the Chicago Cubs.

Dale Murphy hit his 25th home run and Bob Walk hurled a five-hitter as Atlanta downed San Diego in the first game of a



Nolan Ryan...striking display

two-night doubleheader. The Braves completed the sweep with an 8-6 win in the nightcap on Glenn Hubbard's two-run homer in the 10th and boosted their lead to seven games over the Padres in the NL West.

Larry McWilliams and Rod Scurry combined on a six-hitter Jason Thompson knocked in two runs to lead Pittsburgh to victory over Philadelphia. Darrell Porter

bombered, tripled and singled to lead St. Louis to a 9-4 victory over the New York Mets.

In the American League, Toronto's Luis Leal posted his third consecutive victory with a four-hitter and Buck Martinez drove in one run and scored in two runs as the Blue Jays defeated Boston 3-1.

Jerry Mumphrey rapped out three hits, including a three-run homer, and scored three times and Oscar Gamble drilled a two-run shot to power the New York Yankees to a 6-5 victory over Detroit, snapping the Tigers' four-game winning streak.

Lee May and Grogg Breco hit two-run homers as Kansas City beat Cleveland 8-1. Gorman Thomas drove in five runs with a pair of homers while Moses Haas and two relievers scattered nine hits as Milwaukee defeated Texas 8-2 and climbed back into first place in the AL east.

Cal Ripken Jr. slammed a two-run homer with one out in the ninth inning, giving the Baltimore Orioles a rain-delayed 5-3 victory over the Chicago White Sox for their sixth consecutive triumph.

Dave Edler cracked his first two home runs of the season, including a Grand Slam in the sixth inning that lifted the Seattle Mariners to a 9-7 victory over the Minnesota Twins. Don Baylor's RBI single with two out in the bottom of the 13th inning snapped a 7-7 tie and gave the California Angels an 8-7 victory over the Oakland A's.

As Parsons skittles Essex

Leicester grabs sensational victory



Graham Gooch...battling 85 in vain

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Essex	13	4	3	6	35	36	142
Hants	12	5	4	3	24	37	141
Surrey	13	4	5	4	25	42	131
Derby	13	4	1	8	24	41	129
Yorkshire	14	3	1	10	34	35	117
Somerset	13	3	2	8	27	48	116
Notts	12	4	4	4	16	33	113
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Lancs	13	1	4	8	27	33	92
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As Astros edge Reds

(Wirephoto)
VICTORY PATH: David Moorcroft, who is having a fantastic season, seconds away from breaking the tape to win the 1,500 meters at Hengelo, Tuesday night.

Moorcroft spurs away with Hengelo 1,500m title

HENGELO, Netherlands, July 28 (R) — David Moorcroft, Britain's 5,000 meter world record holder, dominated a quality field to win the 1,500 meters at an International Athletics meet here Tuesday night.

Moorcroft ran a personal best time of three minutes 33.79 seconds, one of the fastest in Europe this season. He finished ahead of Ireland's Ray Flynn, with Kenyan Wilson Waiga third in 3:38.59.

Moorcroft, having a splendid season, moved ahead of paceemaker Mark Fricker of the United States after 700 meters and surged away from the field on the last lap. He improved his previous best for the distance by 0.51 seconds.

Flynn, left trailing by the 29-year-old Briton's finishing burst, holds the fastest time in Europe this year of 3:33.50. American James King won the 400 meters hurdles in 49.86 seconds and Jamaican Don Quarrie took the

200 meters in 21.19 seconds.

In Moscow Anna Domoradskaya and compatriot Raisa Sairetdinova and Lyudmila Baranova all bettered the women's 10,000 meters world record on the final day of the Soviet National Athletic Championships in Kiev Tuesday.

Domoradskaya clocked a winning time of 31 minutes 48.23 seconds — almost half a minute faster than the previous best of 32:17.79 set by Soviet compatriot Elena Sipatova. Sairetdinova finished second in 31:55.02 and Baranova was third with 32:04.88.

Meanwhile, a Chinese newspaper said that three Soviet athletes will take part in the Peking Marathon in September, the latest sign of renewed contacts between China and the Soviet Union.

News of their participation came from the sports daily when it said that about 300 runners would take to the streets of the Capital on September 26, compared with 75 in last year's inaugural event which was won by Kjell Erikssahl of Sweden. Signs of a slight thaw between Moscow and Peking have appeared recently after more than two decades of bitter enmity.

The sports daily said Swedish and Japanese competitors also would take part in this year's marathon. It added that the event had been recognized officially by the International Amateur Athletic Federation.

The China daily, meanwhile, reported that 30 nations would take part in the 23rd International Military Shooting Championships starting in Peking on Sept. 9.

There was no mention of Soviet participation in the contest. The newspaper listed teams from the United States, France, West Germany, Nigeria, Pakistan and a number of Arab states.

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1,500m: 1. David Moorcroft (Britain) 3:33.79; 2. Ray Flynn (Ireland) 3:38.59.
400m: Hurdles: 1. James King (U.S.) 49.86; 2. Gary Brown (Australia) 50.09; 3. Bob Daunville (Britain) 50.37.
800m: 1. Agostinho Guimaraes (Brazil) 1:46.04; 2. Jaime Muis (Kenya) 1:45.47; 3. Rob Drup (Netherlands) 1:46.82.
3,000m: 1. Peter Koach (Kenya) 7:44.94; 2. Richard Tuwei (Kenya) 7:45.91; 3. Richard Harris (U.S.) 7:48.08.

WOMEN

200m: 1. Dennis Boyd (Australia) 23.36; 2. Els Madern (Netherlands) 23.47; 3. Lillian Van Dan (Netherlands) 23.51.
600m: 1. Els Van Hulst (Netherlands) 2:01.38; 2. Terri Carter (Australia) 2:01.65.
Long Jump: 1. Robyn Strong (Australia) 6.42; 2. Cinda Jansen (Netherlands) 6.11; 3. Sylvia Barlag (Netherlands) 5.96.

Injured Soviet fencer, Smirnov, passes away

the team foil event when he was injured.

Eye-witnesses said Matthias' foil struck Smirnov on the chest and then snapped as the tall Soviet fencer continued his momentum forward, the sharp stub broke through the gauze of his face mask and entered his head near the left eye.

Doctors ruled out any attempt at surgery but the athlete's heart continued to function although his breathing had to be controlled by a life support system.

It was the first death in the World Fencing Championship since 1951. Some national federations are already testing more flexible steel alloys and tougher protective clothing.

A Rome magistrate has opened a routine inquiry into the incident, taking statements from several officials and athletes before the championships ended last Saturday. The Soviet Union gained four gold medals and won the Nations' Cup during the 10-day tournament.

Meanwhile, the accident has revived controversy over the safety of modern equipment in this fast-growing sport.

Athletes and officials were shocked by the first serious accident for more than 30 years and insisted that none of the severe safety rules had been broken. Some experts say the time has come to introduce transparent masks made of bullet-proof plastic. Others are calling for research into different alloys which would make the foils stronger and more flexible.

Ever since duelling with swords was outlawed and entered the competitive sports arena, regulatory bodies have tried to

improve the safety of the world's most elegant form of hand-to-hand combat.

Edoardo Mangiarotti, general secretary of the International Fencing Federation, said there was nothing in the foreseeable future that could be done to tighten safety standards on electrical and combat equipment laid down by its international commission. Most foil fencers have by now abandoned the old-style grip weapon and prefer one moulded to the shape of the hand.

Given the advances in physique and athletic preparation, "The danger becomes acute when two muscular giants like Smirnov and Behr face each other," Mangiarotti was quoted by the *Gazzetta Dello Sport* newspaper as saying.

Some national federations are experimenting with less rigid foils and masks on tougher material, while retaining the obligatory reinforced plates under the combatant's jacket.

The most vulnerable parts of a fencer's body are the groin, armpit, hands and — unless the mask is fixed to prevent it from riding up in the heat of the fray — the neck.

Most accident in fencing involves the foil. It is a square-shaped narrow blade with a spring-loaded tip which gives an electrical signal on contact. However, Italian fencing officials said the dangers should not be exaggerated and noted that millions of combats took place every year without mishap.

Some federations have tried an experimental mask of reinforced plastic which allows spectators to see the combatant's face. But the mask tended to steam up and interfere with breathing.

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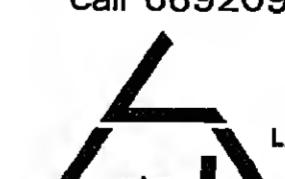
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Palace break-in, IRA slaughter

Security blunders numb British pride

By Andrew Wilson

LONDON (LOS) — The public euphoria that followed Britain's victory in the Falklands has been punctuated by a series of events cruelly wounding to the national psyche.

One after another, things on which the British pride themselves — the decorum of the royal household, the "straightness" of the police, the efficiency of the Secret Service — have been exposed as failing far short of their popular image.

The slaughter of nine soldiers and the wounding of 50 military and civilians by IRA bombs in central London has added a final touch of bitterness to the process.

When a popular newspaper discovered recently that an intruder had entered Buckingham Palace and sat 10 minutes talking to the queen in bed, it looked like another "silly season" story, when the press is short of news. What followed was more shattering.

It was not only the total inefficiency of palace security that was exposed, but the muddle and antiquity of the whole royal household, in which high-sounding functionaries — Lord Chamberlain, master of the household, master of horse — were found to be only nominally, or partially, responsible for vital security measures.

Sacrifically, three relatively junior policemen were suspended or transferred to other duties, while the head of the Metropolitan Police, Sir David McNee (who was directly responsible) remained in office.

Then came another bombshell. The queen's personal police officer, Michael Trestail, confessed to his superior that he had for years had an illegal relationship with another man, and resigned.

The double irony of the fact that such a liaison can still be regarded as "blackmailable" in Britain has not been lost on a minority of the British public and media.

What happened is that a highly efficient officer, much liked by the queen herself, has been sacrificed in the hunt for scapegoats. Trestail was responsible for the queen's safety only outside the palace.

The Secret Service "scandal" broke while the palace break-in was still filling every newspaper; and it came out in a peculiarly British way. Government sources started tipping correspondents that there had been a security breach at the country's main electronic intelligence gathering center, misleadingly called General Communications Headquarters, at Cheltenham — and that it was the most serious intelligence failure since the

1960s "Philly scandal".

The disclosure followed the arrest and charging under the Official Secrets Act of a former linguist at the center.

What is now feared is that over some 13 years the Russians have been told of progress in communications interception and code-breaking at GCHQ, which regularly exchanges its intelligence "products" with the U.S. National Security Agency.

If Cheltenham has been penetrated to the serious extent that government sources themselves suggest, so too then has the NSA — with grave consequences for Britain's credibility as a security intelligence partner under the 1947 U.K.-U.S. intelligence pact.

Adding to the embarrassment of Mrs. Thatcher's government is the fact that the security breach was uncovered not by the Security Service (M15) but as a result of routine police inquiries.

But if the British provincial police were on the alert in the spy case, the image of their metropolitan colleagues has also been hurt by the jailing of two London police officers for "selling" bail to criminals.

The men, who received three and two years respectively, were prosecuted as the result of "Operation Countryman" — an inquiry by a police team from outside London into allegations of widespread police corruption in London.

The "Countryman" team has "let it be known that the two officers sentenced were only 'the tip of an iceberg'" — and that there is a section of the police known as "the firm within the firm" that has not merely been selling bail but also helping criminals in a whole series of big robberies.

One senior officer is even accused of providing the criminals with police uniforms.

A wider investigation is now to be undertaken by Scotland Yard (the Metropolitan Police headquarters) amid growing public cynicism about the efficacy of any inquiry in which the London police force "investigates itself."

The shock and bitterness provoked by the recent bomb outrages may deflect attention from the other scandals and momentarily cause the police and public to close ranks against terrorism.

But it will not repair the sudden break in national self-confidence, nor lessen the campaign being waged by the right of the Conservative Party against the progressive and humane home secretary, William Whitelaw, in whose unhappy fiefdom all these security lapses have occurred.



POLICE VIGILANCE: London police with binoculars keep watch from a nearby rooftop Monday prior to the national service of thanksgiving for the Falkland victory at St. Paul's Cathedral. A series of events including the Buckingham Palace break-in and IRA bombing has caused a tightening of security for British royalty.

Reagan within reach of buzzer

The White House is a haven of safety, fears no intruder

By Robert Chesshyre

regarded as a haven of safety for the first family.

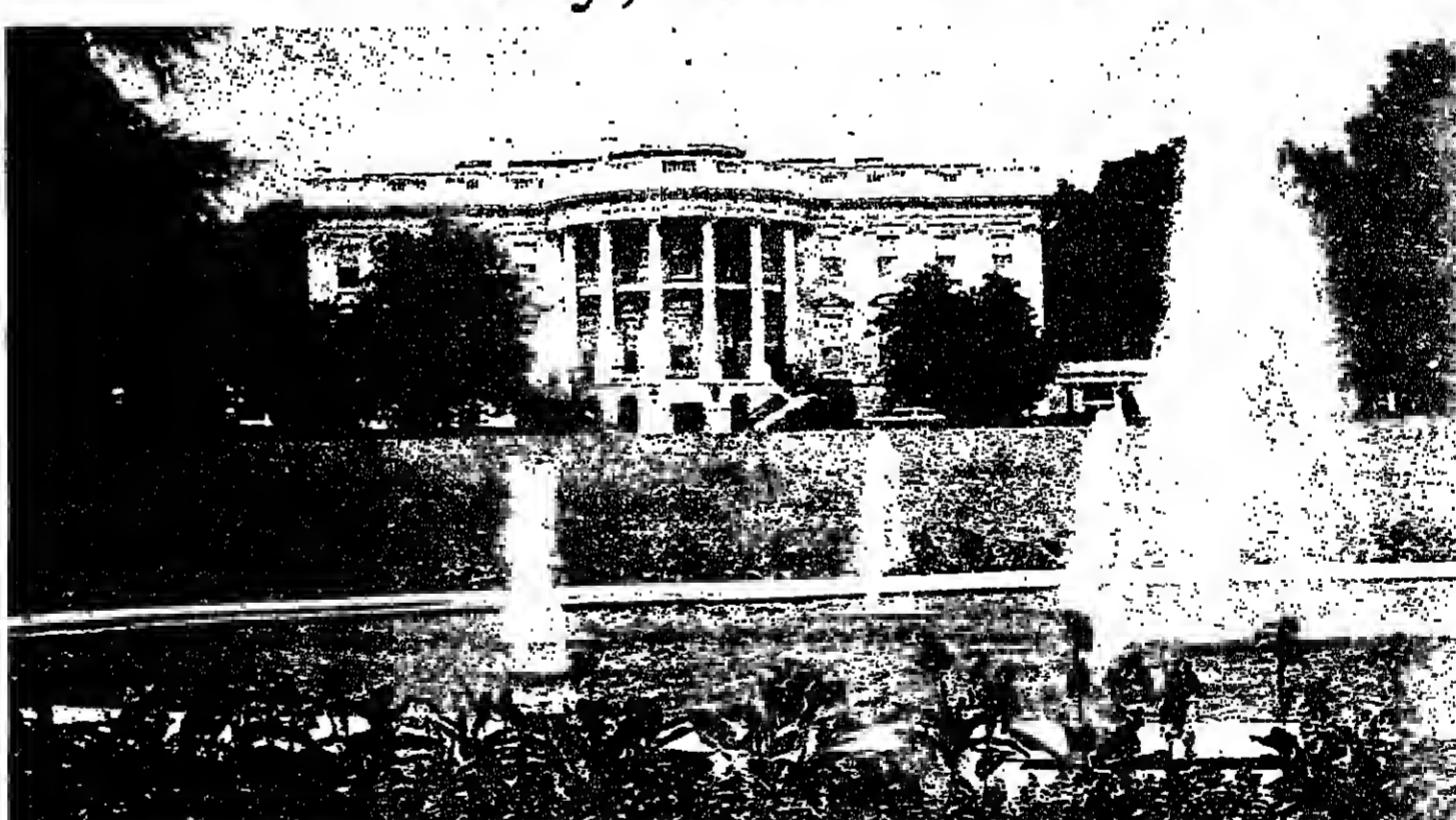
Since the attempt on Reagan's life last year, the president's advisers have kept him at home as much as possible. When he does travel, whenever practical it is by helicopter direct from the White House south lawn. Plainclothes and uniformed Secret Service men guard the family's private quarters, and no one at the White House can conceive of an intruder getting anywhere near the Reagans.

For security reasons there are no official figures on the number of Secret Service people who work full time at the White House, but one estimate put the number at 70.

Within the mansion itself and the west wing office complex, there are more than 20 permanently manned guard posts — one, for example, at every stairway and lift entrance. To get near the Reagans an intruder would have to get past several of these.

When he is outside his private rooms, the president is guarded by at least four and sometimes as many as 12 agents; and even official visitors who do not have a permanent pass (with a few exceptions such as congressmen) have to pass through a metal detector before seeing the president. Within his private rooms, Reagan is always within reach of a buzzer that would summon immediate help.

There is no shortage of people who would like to get to the president in the hope that he might be able to do something for them, and over the years there have been pathetic stories of people who have jumped the fence to try to put their problems before him.



REAGAN'S HOME: A view of the White House showing the famous Washington structure's South Portico. Even official visitors who do not have a permanent pass have to pass through a metal detector before seeing the president.



Cubans invite tourists to enjoy medical care

By Linel Martin

HAVANA, (R) — The Cuban government is inviting all foreigners to enjoy the country's tourist attractions while receiving the best medical care available on the Caribbean island.

Tourist authorities offer visitors everything from skin grafts and eye operations to radiation treatment and plastic surgery. "Come to Cuba and improve your health while enjoying our benign climate and pure environment," says a brochure distributed by the Cuban Tourist Bureau, Cuba.

While medical care is free for Cuban citizens, the medical plan for foreigners is strictly a commercial venture. According to the brochure, "the Cira Garcia Central Clinic will coordinate medical attention for foreigners through a network that is considered among the most advanced in Latin America." Many foreign diplomats who have received treatment say the best of Cuba's medical care is excellent by international standards.

During a visit to Cuba last August, Halfdan Matler, the director-general of the World Health Organization, praised Cuba's medical services and the progress it has made in public health.

The visiting patient can check into a hotel in Havana or choose to stay at the beach

resorts of nearby Santa Maria del Mar or Varadero, some 145 kms away.

The brochure publishes a list of package plan prices for operations. Plastic surgery on the nose costs \$778. An operation for contracts, \$653. A complete hysterectomy, including seven days in hospital, costs \$983. Arterial grafts, with 20 days in hospital, are listed at \$3,363.

The patient can have all his teeth extracted for \$25 and a set of false teeth put in for \$150. Consultation with a university medical school professor costs \$40 and ambulance service within Havana is \$10 a trip.

Cuban President Fidel Castro said last December that medical services could become "an important sphere of the Cuban economy." The government says the purpose of the medical plan for foreigners is to gain hard currency for an economy that has been suffering from a dramatic drop in crude sugar prices on the world market.

Medical sources said: "We have no idea how much money will be earned through medical treatment for foreigners, but every little bit helps."

A tourist industry source said the biggest prospective markets for Cuban medical services were Canada, Mexico and Spain, which send the largest numbers of tourists to Cuba.

Bushmen unaware of freedom struggle

By Christine von Garnier

TSUMKWE, Northeast Namibia (AFP) — A tiny age-old black nation of 35,000 Bushmen, with possible Chinese origins and speaking an African click language, is practically unaware of the independence struggle swirling over their land — Namibia.

The Bushmen are divided into 14 different tribes inhabiting the mountain-girt Namib Desert, and cave paintings and carvings dating back 5,000 years — perfectly preserved by the dry heat of this region — attest to their presence.

Some of their symbols resemble those of the Inca Civilization in Peru. They are a puzzle to ethnologists, who cannot work out just where these highly intelligent people with high cheekbones and slanted eyes came from at least 250,000 years ago.

But it is probable they come from Asia, and a close study of their unusual language points to China. The Bushmen are below normal height — on average 1.55 meters (under five feet tall) — with slim limbs and a brownish-yellow or black skin.

Bushmen ancestors were pushed further and further into the Kalahari Desert by migrant peoples until they were able to survive in the north and northeast of Namibia whose harsh conditions kept away their enemies.

They lived for millennia off their hunting, but today about half of them have been "Westernized" by the Namibian authorities and wear over-large jackets and trousers in their "capital" of Tsumkwe.

These members of one of Africa's oldest people have been introduced to a Western way of living by successive small steps like being given a brick or concrete house with running water, work, money, and above all, medical care.

They have complete freedom to leave here if they are unable to settle down but many of them admit that the daily struggle to survive with bows-and-arrows has become too great.

Like children looking at a toyshop window, they are utterly fascinated by the "marvels" of civilization like the water-tap, rifle, camera, transistor and television.

But while the Bushmen gain materially in going modern, they lose part of their amazing physical and mental agility.

It takes a two-hour flight to reach Tsumkwe from Windhoek, capital of Namibia. The town is little more than a few houses and huts, a hospital, school and a great baobab tree.

The Bushman "minister" in the Namibian administration is Kashe, taller than most, and of royal descent. His interpreter is Francois, son of an Afrikaner farmer who is a graduate of Stellenbosch University. He grew up amongst the Bushmen and is perfectly fluent in their language.

Francois is an invaluable go-between in introducing the Bushmen to modern civilization, and he and Kashe are both perfectly aware what they are doing could be a matter of life and death to the Bushmen.

The minister personally came into contact with Western customs when he attended the 1975 Turnhalle conference in Windhoek where all Namibian peoples met to discuss their future. For this reason he belongs to two worlds — his own Bushman society and modern society. Francois explained: "He has become what was expected of him. But he has lost his way. He wants to prevent that happening to other Bushmen."

The minister held a meeting under the giant baobab tree attended by men, women and children who listened carefully as he explained certain development plans. Others joined in and all were heard out without interruptions — The Bushman is a great believer in dialogue.

How will they interpret Western ideas? For them time does not exist and they share all personal possessions except their bows and arrows.

They have not the slightest idea of the meaning of such concepts as "African nationalism"; The "United Nations Organization"; "communism"; "East-West power struggle"; "Battalion 201" in the Caprivi strip and others have been enrolled as scouts and trackers.



"HELICOPTER" JUMP: Bicycle Motocross is an up-and-coming sport which can be practiced at great speed by youngsters of all ages, and there are special bikes made for the purpose. Nine-year-old Matt Oakley, of Essex, England, is seen here doing a "helicopter" jump during which the handlebars of the bike turned 180 degrees.

JUMBO GAME: A ball game is always a lot of fun for children, but when an elephant is added to the game there is much excitement. Judging from the action, the young elephant belonging to a zoo at Sherwood, England, seems to be enjoying the game as much as the rest of the team.

By industrialization

Asians urged to sustain growth rate

MANILA (Depthnews) — Asian countries will have to restructure their economic policies to sustain or achieve high rates of industrial growth. Such changes will not only promote rapid economic growth but will create work opportunities for the millions of Asians who enter the labor market annually.

According to a recent Asian Development Bank (ADB) study, protectionism, inflation and increased energy costs demand that Asian countries must change their economic policies to reflect a more efficient use of their resources.

For many Asian countries, their high-growth rates in the last ten years have been due to rapid industrialization. Industrial growth rates in the 1970s averaged 8.1 percent in many Asian countries.

The newly industrialized countries of South Korea, Taiwan, Hong Kong and Singapore, however, had growth rates often exceeding 10 percent annually. These rates contributed to the virtual elimination of unemployment and led to a more equitable distribution of wealth in the newly industrialized countries.

What is more significant is that these industrial growth rates were achieved at probably one of the worst decades for the world economy. Oil-importing Asian countries like the Philippines and Thailand were burdened with huge balance of payments deficits due to oil price increases, inflation and decrease in foreign aid.

Asia's economic steadfastness, however, cannot hold on indefinitely. Unless their economic policies are changed and their industries restructured, ADB economists predict that they would be incapable of sustaining their high industrial growth rates.

For the more advanced Asian countries, they would have to switch to more sophisticated human capital-intensive products. Countries such as Singapore, Taiwan and Japan will also have to explore new markets.

For the poor Asian countries saddled with

underemployed and unskilled labor force they would have to shift toward labor-intensive production. They would also need to reduce the earlier emphasis placed on ambitious capital-intensive industries.

In all these changes, says the ADB, emphasis should be placed on the maximum use of all indigenous factors of production, especially capital and labor.

To achieve these changes, Asian governments must dismantle restrictive trade and investment regulations. Such policy changes can, however, cause frictions during the transition period, which may discourage the adoption of the needed policies," says the ADB study.

The dismantling of restrictive trade and investment policies is especially true for the so-called middle income countries like the Philippines, Thailand, Malaysia and Indonesia. These policy reforms will require the elimination of subsidies and price supports; moreover, tariff reforms will have to be implemented.

Such changes are, however, expected to be met with stiff opposition. The opposition is partly based on the expectation that a combination of trade liberalization and higher interest rates will merely bankrupt existing firms and lead to rising unemployment.

While it is true that current economic policies have contributed to increased industrial output in these countries, they have achieved little with respect to creating more work. Industries established under these policies tend to be capital-intensive and they only have a few linkages with the rest of the economy.

These policies have also given rise to an imbalance between rural and urban development. In the Philippines and Thailand, for example, majority of the industries are located in cities and large towns. Most of these industries tend to be large, unlike in South Korea and Japan where small- and medium-scale industries are scattered

throughout the countrysides.

For Asia's low-income countries, particularly in the subcontinent like Pakistan and Bangladesh, ADB economists say that they must reduce their reliance on public enterprises for their country's industrial development.

Customs procedures must be streamlined to reduce waste and the output of factories must be broadened to include other consumer products.

These policies have resulted in standard production. Factories often operate at only 40 percent of their capacity, resulting in huge losses for the government.

However, most South Asian governments continue to prefer direct controls, believing that reliance on market forces and the price mechanism is inconsistent with their investment priorities and social objectives.

"Experience has shown that direct controls are difficult to enforce and tend to proliferate," says the ADB. "In their stifling effects on initiative and enterprise, they may not only hold back growth but also tend in many ways to defeat the very social objectives they are designed to further."

The less developed countries of Asia could very well take a few pointers from the newly industrialized countries. These countries like Singapore, Taiwan and South Korea are characterized by the lack of natural resources and a scarcity of land.

But part of their success in achieving rapid industrialization is due to non-industrial factors as land reform. Korea and Taiwan carried out major land reform programs before entering rapid development.

An outstanding feature of their rapid industrialization is that government policies have not been discriminatory. Incentives did not discriminate against export production, prices followed world rates and agriculture. In fact in Korea and Taiwan, such policies were even biased in favor of agriculture.

Industrial development in Singapore.

Taiwan, Hong Kong and South Korea will continue to be export oriented, says ADB economists. But their policies must be reviewed whether they should focus investment on the production of such capital and research-intensive goods like heavy machinery and automobiles.

Their large and well-trained labor force may instead give them the competitiveness needed for such skill-intensive products like electronics, ship-building and household appliances.

As Asia's newly industrialized countries move toward the production of more skill-intensive goods, they may be able to compete successfully with other countries in establishing new markets for their products. Other established industrialized countries, the ADB says, will eventually lose their cost advantages due to rising wages.

In turn, the newly industrialized countries will lose their advantage in the production of goods which require unskilled labor. This sector can then be filled by the South Asian countries and the Association of Southeast Asian Nations.

But to ensure this, developing Asian countries must continue to dismantle their protectionist policies and support more export-oriented industries. This way an international division of labor will create better trade and more economic opportunities for Asia.

Air bag easily lifts sick cows to feet

By a Science Correspondent

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500-year-old body of Inca boy in near perfect preservation

By Tom Fenton

Mummy

Why the boy was brought to Cerro Plomo is a mystery. The mountain is near the southern frontier of the Inca empire, where the Incas' penetration further south was halted by Araucanian Indians.

Horne, whose specialty is paleopathology — the study of disease in ancient man — said the boy probably ingested coca ... alcohol or both before he was put in the grave.

A biopsy of the liver, to be taken with a needle inserted between the ribs, is planned and should tell which. "I'd like to open a small, triangular window in the back to take some additional samples but I'm afraid of introducing contaminants," Horne added. "I'll leave that for someone to do in the next 50 years."

The body cavity has never been opened. Other scientists have done external studies. Roundworm eggs were found in the boy's feces during a study described in Professor Mosby's book.

Horne said he planned to culture the liver tissue in a variety of media to see what might grow, but doubted any organisms would be alive. "Not after 500 years," he said. "There is no way the DNA and amino acids would be in a fine enough state of preservation."

Horne said he is hopeful his month-long study of the mummy will prove that viruses existed in the Americans before the Spanish conquest. The first Spanish expedition to the Lake Titicaca area is believed to have been that of Pedro de Alvarado in 1531.

He also found two warts on the boy's fingers. Warts are caused by viruses. "The warts are very exciting. We've always assumed there were viruses here before Columbus but we've never been able to prove it," he said.

The scientist also has taken samples from among eight skin lesions that appear to have been caused by something akin to impetigo, a bacteria-caused skin disease.

Though the mummy is about five centuries old, Horne said the time elapsed is insufficient for there to have been any noticeable evolutionary changes. "If the kid were walking down the street today you wouldn't recognize anything out of the ordinary," he said.

Horne said the mummy was obese, perhaps because sacrificial victims were well fed. "To be chosen for sacrifice was a great honor," he added. "The parents were delighted. I'm not sure about the children. The horror of it is that he must have walked down through the Atacama Desert — an incredible trek for an 8- or 9-year-old. A cruel fate."

Horne said the mummies preservation was due to low temperatures, and lack of humidity, oxygen and light.

NEXT WEEK
Dr. Steinrohn discusses

STOP KILLING YOURSELF

such as ephedrine or the amphetamines which are helpful in keeping narcolepsy patients awake.

Tuesday, August 3

At a recent "consensus conference" on coronary bypass surgery, doctors concluded that the operation does improve the quality of life and in some instances prolong life. But only two-thirds of both those treated medically and those treated surgically returned to work. Surgery has not improved those statistics.

Wednesday, August 4

Agoraphobia — fear of open spaces — may persist for months or years. Proper medication may alleviate panic attacks. Imipramine often dramatically stops such attacks.

Sunday, August 1

Fibrosis is a stubborn condition with pain in tendons, ligaments and muscles. If you are always tense, learning how to relax is probably one of the most important methods in overcoming it.

Saturday, July 31

Sensitivity to foods may be a major cause of canker sores. One doctor suggests we look into foods that begin with C: condiments, chocolates, cola, catsup, corn and chips.

Monday, August 2

Only occasionally is trauma, a brain tumor or encephalitis the reason for narcolepsy. Usually the cause is unknown. There are drugs



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Reagan sees human rights progress

U.S. continues to back Salvador

WASHINGTON, July 28 (Agencies) — The Reagan administration Tuesday certified that the Salvadoran government is making progress on human rights and economic reforms and deserves continued U.S. backing in its civil War against leftist guerrillas, a State Department official said.

The official, who asked not to be identified, said the certification was approved by Secretary of State George Shultz and was to be sent later to Congress, which has mandated the twice-annual finding as a requirement for U.S. aid.

Shultz approved the document under a delegation of authority from President Ronald Reagan, who had personally signed

the first Salvadoran certification last January. Even before Shultz's decision, the certification was under fire from critics of the administration's policies in El Salvador.

Sen. Christopher Dodd, Democrat-Connecticut, author of the certification requirement, said he saw no way the administration could honestly find progress in human rights and in the Salvadoran situation. "It's going to force the administration to come up and awfully awkward," Dodd said. "There have been just blatant examples of human rights abuses."

The State Department official said the certification is "a mixed review, but there are solid indications of progress."

Zhao promises support

Nepal king tours China

PEKING, July 28 (AP) — Chinese Premier Zhao Ziyang, welcoming King Birendra of Nepal to China Tuesday, said talks now are very useful because "peace in Asia and the world is faced with a grave threat," the official Xinhua news agency reported.

At a banquet in Lanzhou, capital of northwestern China's Gansu Province, Zhao said, "While old problems remain unsolved, new crises keep cropping up. The independence, sovereignty and territorial integrity of a number of countries have been subjected to encroachment and interference," Xinhua reported.

Zhao went to Lanzhou to meet the king on his sixth visit to China. From Gansu, the king is to go on to tour Tibet, which borders on Nepal. Xinhua said Zhao praised Nepal's "valuable contributions to upholding the

principles of the nonaligned movement, strengthening unity among the Third World countries and promoting cooperation in the South Asian region."

He also promised that China will "firmly support the just struggle of Nepal to safeguard national independence and develop the national economy and the king's proposal on declaring Nepal a peace zone."

Xinhua said the king told the banquet, "We welcome China's positive contributions in the international arena in general, and particularly your support for the cause of the developing countries. We applaud the bold endeavors of the Chinese leadership in directing the nation on its new path of modernization so as to build a new China befitting a great civilization."

BRIEFS

BALTIMORE (R) — Elena Kusmenko Balovlenkov, a Baltimore nurse married to Soviet hunger striker Yuri Balovlenkov, returned home Tuesday after a fruitless mission to secure her husband's emigration and said he was dying. She had spent 10 days in Moscow with their two-year-old daughter. "My husband is dying. He is in the 23rd day of a second fast," Mrs. Balovlenkov told reporters. "I had to bring Katya home, and my 10-day visa expired Monday. She doesn't belong there. She doesn't need to watch her father die."

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — Western diplomats negotiating on the future of Namibia were reported planning to visit its capital to sound out local political parties on a pending plan to bring the territory to independence from South Africa through a U.N.-supervised election. Well-placed sources that asked not to be identified said diplomats from the United States, Canada, Britain, France and West Germany would go to Windhoek toward the end of the week and spend a few days there talking with the local parties about the present state of negotiations on the scheme. Hans Joachim Vergau,

specialist on Africa in the West German Foreign Office, will head the group.

LONDON (AP) — A week after the Irish Republican Army bombed a troop of Queen Elizabeth II's cavalry in Hyde Park, police recreated the scene of the crime Tuesday and stopped hundreds of motorists and joggers in hopes of finding new clues to the bombers' identity. "We have received some useful information," said Scotland Yard spokesman John Miller, several hours after police began stopping everyone passing the spot where four soldiers of the Blues and Royals regiment and seven horses were killed last Tuesday.

BUENOS AIRES, July 28 (AP) — Three family members jailed for more than five years for alleged involvement with terrorists were freed over the weekend, their lawyer said Sunday. The release of the three Graviers followed that of two other relatives and two former employees of the family working business earlier in the week. Attorney Carlos told the Associated Press that Juan Graiver, his son Isidoro Graiver and his daughter-in-law Lidia Elba Zuyner were freed Saturday following orders from a federal judge.

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RESTRINED: A relative of six-year-old Renee Shinn Chen, the child actor who was killed with actor Vic Morrow in a helicopter crash during the filming of a movie, is restrained at the funeral, while the mother (left) is comforted by a family member in Glendale, California, Tuesday.

Ex-minister charged in Uganda

KAMPALA, July 28 (R) — Former Ugandan Minister Balaki Kirya and another Ugandan, Jhn Michael Ogwang, appeared in a magistrate's court here Tuesday charged with treason.

The official Radio Uganda said the charge alleged that between December 1980 and July 1982, they contrived and plotted to overthrow the elected government of Uganda. They were remanded in custody until Aug. 10. They will be committed to the high court for trial when police have completed investigations, the radio said.

The court was heavily guarded by armed police when the two men made their brief appearance. Kirya had been living for the last five years in Nairobi, where his wife said she was shocked by the news that he was in Uganda. She had seen him since he was taken from their Nairobi home Saturday by

two men claiming to be plainclothes Kenya police.

Relatives in Nairobi said Kirya had not appeared in court there on an extradition application from Uganda, and they believed he must have been kidnapped and taken across the border against his will.

Treason in Uganda carries a sentence of death by hanging. The period specified in the charge dates from when President Milton Obote took office after the December 1980 elections. The charge alleges that Kirya and Ogwang were involved in the activities of the underground guerrilla groups which have been operating to overthrow President Obote on the ground that he came to power because his Uganda People's Congress (UPC) manipulated the results of the elections.

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Cuba getting advanced MiG fighters

WASHINGTON, July 28 (R) — The Soviet Union is supplying Cuba with advanced 'B' models of its MiG-23 fighter which are likely to bring the total of MiG-23 planes on the island to about 40. U.S. defense officials have said.

Defense Department spokesman Henry Carter said only a few MiG-23B fighters had been delivered so far. Other officials said in all Cuba would probably get 12 or 15 planes, which are considered basically defensive weapons.

They expected the MiGs would be armed with Apex missiles, which have a greater

range than the Atoll missiles the Soviet Union has been supplying to Cuba. Carter said the shipments would upgrade the Cuban Air Force, which already includes some older models of the MiG-23. But he noted that the MiG-23B, developed about 10 years ago, is not the most modern Soviet fighter plane. The MiG-23Bs would replace MiG-15s and MiG-17s, he added.

Carter said there was no sign that Cuba planned to ship the older MiG-15s and MiG-17s to Nicaragua. The United States has accused Cuba of supplying arms to Nicaragua.

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Modalities to be worked out

U.S. to renew Soviet grain deal

WASHINGTON, July 28 (AP) — President Ronald Reagan has decided to keep U.S. grain trading channels open to the Soviet Union but has not determined what form this will take, congressional sources said.

The sources, who asked that they not be identified, said a tentative decision had been reached at the cabinet level on a one-year extension of the current grain agreement, which expires Sept. 30. The primary, unresoled question, they said, is whether to increase the agreements purchase requirement.

Republican members of the House Agriculture Committee, who earlier had lobbied Reagan at a White House meeting for a multi-year extension or an increase in purchase requirement, met Tuesday with Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger to make a last-minute appeal.

Farm-state lawmakers emerged from the meeting with Weinberger saying they were encouraged by what they heard. "I think we will have a mechanism by which we will be able to sell large amounts of grain to the

Soviet Union," said one of them, Rep. Bill Emerson.

Emerson said Weinberger asked the group that the subject of halting or limiting grain sales is "a subject that didn't even get discussed" in cabinet meetings.

Reagan was expected to announce a decision on Monday, said a White House official who asked not to be identified.

Other congressional sources said several options remain under consideration. One would involve extending the current agreement for a year or more, perhaps at increased levels for corn or wheat or both, and perhaps allowing the Soviets to substitute commodities like corn gluten for corn.

Emerson said another possibility would be to eliminate all minimum and maximum purchase requirements and to substitute government guarantees for contracts between the Soviets and U.S. grain companies.

Reagan suspended talks with the Soviets on a new long-term grain agreement last December after the military crackdown in Poland. The agreement, in effect since 1976,

calls for the Soviets to buy a minimum of six million metric tons of U.S. wheat and corn annually, and allows maximum purchases of eight million tons. More can be bought if the United States agrees.

This year the Soviets have bought 14 million tons out of 23 million tons allowed. The Agriculture Department has predicted they will need 46 million tons in the coming year because of poor harvests.

The State Department has advised against resuming the talks without some concession from the Soviets block and farm-belt Congressmen say suspending the talks does little to harm the Soviets but seriously jeopardizes one of the largest grain export market of U.S. farmers.

Deputy White House Press Secretary Larry Speakes said Tuesday the president had made "no final decision" on the issue and was awaiting additional reports from advisers before he makes up his mind. "I am denying that a final decision has been made," Speakes told reporters. "It's hard for me to tell which way he's leaning."

Fed hints at easing policy

WASHINGTON, July 28 (R) — Federal Reserve Board Chairman Paul Volcker said the Fed would tolerate money supply growth outside its target range if strong demand for money as a form of savings persisted.

Volcker told the Senate Budget Committee the ratio of monetary aggregates to gross national product, known as velocity, has dropped considerably during the current recession.

He said that during typical recovery, velocity picks up. If this is the case this time, the Fed's 2.5 percent to 5.5 percent growth target range for M-1 will be acceptable, he said.

Referring to the economy, Volcker said the Fed agrees with the Congressional Budget Office forecast for the economy, which is more pessimistic than the administration's forecast.

Foreign Exchange Rates

	Quoted at 6:45 p.m., Wednesday	Cash	Transfer
Bahraini Dinar	9.20	9.14	
Bangladesh Taka	15.55		
Belgian Franc (1,000)	73.90		
Canadian Dollar	273.50		
Deutsche Mark (100)	141.25	141.14	
Dutch Guilder (100)	127.75	127.60	
Egyptian Pound	3.38	3.49	
Emirates Dirham (100)	95.40	93.70	
French Franc (100)	31.00	30.80	
Greek Drachma (1,000)	31.10	50.20	
Indian Rupee (100)	36.10		
Iranian Rial (100)	5.75		
Irish Pound	23.50	23.35	
Italian Lira (10,000)	13.60		
Japanese Yen (1,000)	9.80	9.71	
Jordanian Dinar	12.05	12.05	
Kuwaiti Dinar	69.00	66.90	
Lebanese Lira (100)	36.00	56.20	
Moroccan Dirham (100)	38.55		
Pakistani Rupee (100)	40.95		
Philippines Peso (100)	94.70	161.05	
Pound Sterling	6.05	6.05	
Qatari Rial (100)	166.75	166.65	
Singapore Dollar (100)	31.05		
Spanish Peso (1,000)	166.75	166.65	
Swiss Franc (1,000)	58.50	60.00	
Syrian Lira (1,000)	3.43	3.44	
U.S. Dollar	75.25	75.20	
Yemeni Rial (100)			
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EEC panel to study U.S. ban

BRUSSELS, July 28 (R) — The European Economic Community has set up a high level working group to formulate the detailed grounds in international law for its objections to a U.S. ban on technology and equipment for the planned Soviet gas pipeline to Western Europe.

Diplomatic sources said the findings of the group, comprising senior national officials, would be submitted to the U.S. administration before the Aug. 21 deadline for the adoption in Washington of regulations implementing the ban. They said this was intended to put pressure on the U.S. administration to change its decision. Meanwhile, following France's decision to defy the U.S. embargo against the trans-European gas pipeline, the West German government gave official backing to the French move and said "The atmosphere between the Europeans and Americans is becoming increasingly tense. From now on a growing trade row between the community and Washington can no longer be ruled out."

Sources close to the economic ministry said

that West German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt is "trying to limit the damage" by acting as a kind of mediator between Washington and the European Community. It is noted Schmidt would like to avoid a serious clash of interests which could threaten West German interests.

Meanwhile, Italy's state energy corporation Eni has come out against any attempt to block progress on building the pipeline to carry Soviet gas to the West.

In a letter to Prime Minister Giovanni Spadolini reported in the press Wednesday the state-appointed commissioner running Eni warned that Italy would suffer if pipeline deals were canceled.

State commissioner Enrico Gandomi told Spadolini that a decision against the pipeline would not help the objectives set out in Italy's national energy plan.

This called for Italy to seek a diversity of energy sources and the Siberian gas project was a key factor in the country's efforts to lessen dependence on Middle East oil. Gandomi said.

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Indonesia sees OPEC output rising

JAKARTA, July 28 (AFP) — The expected increase in the world demand for oil this year should lead to an increase in production of the Organization of Oil Exporting Countries (OPEC). Indonesian Minister of Mines and Energy Subroto has said here.

After a meeting with President Suharto to report the outcome of a recent OPEC meeting in Vienna, Dr. Subroto told newsmen the projected rise in demand was based on the assumption that industrial countries had in the past few months been releasing some 2 million barrels daily from stockpile.

There is also the additional factor of expanding energy requirements in advanced countries during the winter season, the minister added. He noted that excluding Communist countries, world demand for oil in the second and third quarters of this year was estimated at 43 million barrels daily, compared with total production of 41.2 million bpd, including 17.5 million bpd by OPEC, giving a shortfall of a little under 2 million bpd.

World Bank lends Cameroon \$120m

WASHINGTON, July 28 (AFP) — The World Bank has just given Cameroon \$120 million in development loans, authoritative sources said here at the end of the second day of an official visit by Cameroonian President Ahmadou Ahidjo.

The loans were to finance construction of a highway between Douala and the capital Yaounde as well as a project to develop rubber and palm oil.

Ahidjo had a series of talks Tuesday with U.S. Agriculture Secretary John Block, Commerce Secretary Malcolm Baldridge, World Bank President A. W. Clausen and members of the U.S. Congress' Foreign Affairs Committee.

The talks centered on development of commercial relations between Cameroon and the United States.

U.S. President Ronald Reagan, after meeting Monday with Ahidjo, said the United States was pleased to see Cameroon opening its doors to U.S. businessmen.

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Financial Roundup

Dollar's march unabated

By J.H. Hammond

\$307, only three weeks ago, Silver managed to stay above the \$7.00 level and unlike gold, traded firmly at \$7.09 Wednesday.

The local markets saw more activity Wednesday compared with trading levels earlier in the week. Riyal deposit levels generally closed firmer by about $\frac{1}{4}$ to $\frac{1}{2}$ percent with riyal deposits also showing a positive yield curve. The one-month JIBOR rate traded at $10\frac{1}{2}$ - 11 percent, while the one-year deposit was quoted at $12\frac{1}{4}$ - 13 $\frac{1}{4}$ percent although activity was concentrated in the shorter tenors.

The three-month rate was $12\frac{1}{2}$ - 13 percent, but week-fixed funds traded at 9 - 10 percent. This compares favorably with rates of $13\frac{1}{2}$ - 14 percent for the same tenor about a month ago. In the exchanges, spot riyal/dollar rates traded moderately at 3.440 - 10 levels, but some commercial demand pushed the rate up to 3.448 - 15 levels by the close of business.

Local dealers were adopting a wait-and-see attitude before taking a more aggressive posture on trading the dollar. In the European exchange the dollar certainly moved as if another upswing was on the way. Sterling lost nearly one cent to trade at 1.9430 levels, while the German mark fell to 2.430 from 2.4350 opening levels. The Japanese yen was also weaker at 254.90 from 253.60 levels despite some modest bank of Japan support. The French franc traded weaker at 6.7930 from 6.7820 New York levels. The Swiss currency held stable at 2.0670 levels, but the Italian lire fell back to 1365.90 to the dollar.

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London 344.75

Paris 345.46

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Zurich 345.37

Hong Kong 346.33

Glut sends global oil firms profits crashing

NEW YORK, July 28 (AP) — The faltering world economy, oil glut and strong dollar were blamed again Tuesday for four more major oil companies reported lower profits.

Mobil Corp., the second-largest United States oil company, reported a 56 percent decline in second-quarter earnings compared to the same period a year ago, and No. 6 Gulf Oil Co. showed a 32 percent drop.

Shell Oil Co., the No. 8 U.S. oil concern, posted an 8 percent decline, and No. 9 Phillips Petroleum Co. had a 39 percent drop. Earnings at No. 41 Tenneco Inc. were up just slightly.

Other large international oil companies, including industry leader Exxon Corp. and Texaco Inc., reported earlier their profits plunged in the three months that ended June 30. Smaller oil concerns showed mixed results.

"They are poor results," said Alvin Silber, an analyst who follows the oil industry for Dean Witter Reynolds Organization Inc.

"It is the combination of cost increases, the recession, the strength of the dollar and the way they come together that has led into

Shell, also blaming lower crude oil prices, said earnings for the second quarter fell 8 percent to \$380 million dollars, or \$1.23 per share, from \$410 million or \$1.33 a share.

Analysts say it will be the end of the year before oil company profits begin to improve, assuming the U.S. economy improves, stimulating demand for oil products, and the oil glut works itself off, allowing energy product prices to rise.

Mobil said quarterly earnings tumbled to \$310 million or 74 cents a share, from \$700 million or \$1.65 dollars a share. Revenue fell 5 percent to \$15.8 billion from \$16.6 billion.

Gulf second-quarter earnings fell to \$210 million or \$1.15 a share, from \$311 million or \$1.59 a share. Revenues rose 3 percent to \$7.43 billion from \$7.21 billion.

For the first half, Gulf's profit dropped 22 percent to \$477 million or \$2.59 a share, from \$614 million or \$3.14 a share, in 1981. Revenues fell 1 percent to \$14.96 billion from \$15.09 billion.

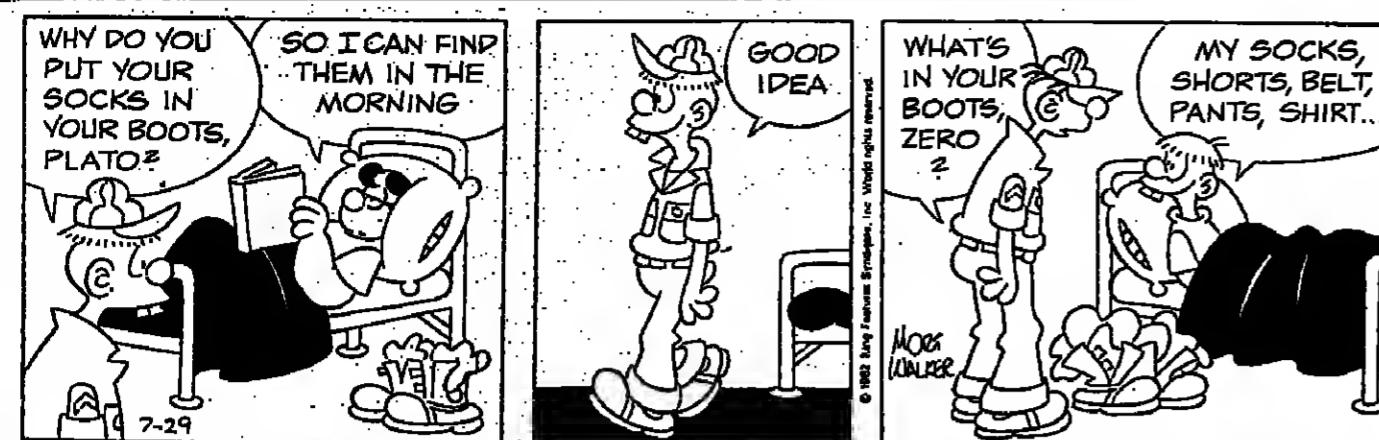
Gross billings during the first half of this year were \$9 billion, an increase of 92 percent in local currency over the same period a year earlier. Inflation during the year ending in June was 97 percent. Petrobras imported an average of 787,000 barrels of petroleum a day last year, spending a total of \$10.8 billion.

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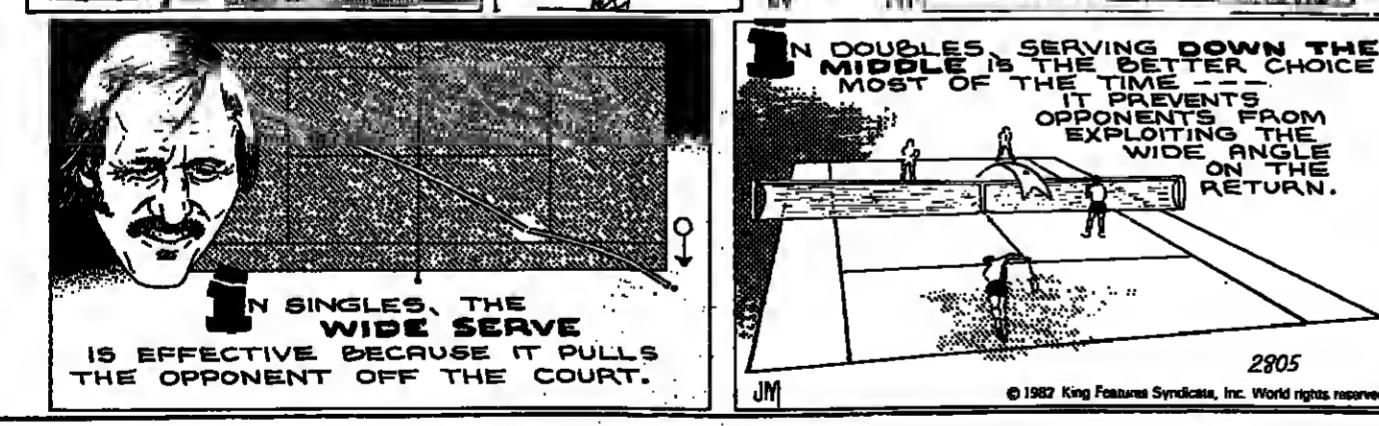
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Frances Drake

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TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) A loved one does some soul-searching and comes up with new insights about your relationship. Luck comes through others now.

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France bans rightist group

PARIS. July 28 (R) — The government Wednesday banned a semi-clandestine right-wing movement with a reputation for violence, active on the fringe of French politics since it was set up in 1959 to support the late President Charles de Gaulle.

A statement issued after the weekly cabinet meeting said the government had decided to order the dissolution of the Service d'Action Civique (SAC) because its actions were based on violence and practices close to gangsterism. This had been confirmed by numerous judicial proceedings involving SAC members, the statement said.

Wednesday's decision follows a report last month by a parliamentary commission set up by the Socialist government to investigate the activities of the Gaullist group, popularly known as "the parallel police."

The commission, which ran up against a wall of silence from many witnesses, collected evidence testifying to the SAC's links with the security services, the police, and organized crime. The SAC has been able to escape implication in numerous police investigations because 10 to 15 percent of its members are police officers, the commission said.

The commission also found in its 340-page report that the SAC had activated a well-prepared plan to go fully underground in the event of a left-wing victory in last year's presidential and parliamentary elections.

The enquiry, set up soon after President Francois Mitterrand and his Socialist government took office, said the SAC represented a danger to democratic society and suggested that if it dissolved. Under a 1936 law, the government can ban organizations it deemed threat to society.

The SAC, said by its national leader Pierre Dehizet to have 10,000 active members, last hit the headlines a year ago after the massacre of a police inspector and five members of his family near Marseilles.

The dead inspector, Jacques Massie, was a former regional head of the SAC and police said he left a mass of notes and letters linking political figures and police officers with criminal activities. Several members of the SAC are awaiting trial in connection with the murders.

Dehizet himself was charged with complicity in the affair soon after the murders, in what Gaullist leaders depicted as an attempt by the new administration to tarnish their party's image. The origins of the organization date back to secret service set up by Gen. De Gaulle when he established his Free French government in London in World War II.

Dehizet and other members of De Gaulle's wartime inner circle founded the Service d'Action Civique to support the general after he returned to power in France in 1958.

The movement acquired the colors of an extra-legal security force in the early 1960s when it recruited old resistance fighters and underworld figures and waged a war against the OAS secret army trying to combat President De Gaulle's Algerian policy.

In later years the organization was officially given the role of defending Gaullist leaders and helping run campaign meetings, although its name frequently surfaced in connection with political and financial scandals.

Paris denies aiding Argentina

PARIS, July 28 (R) — France denied that its technicians had helped to fix Exocet missiles to Argentine planes during the Falkland Islands conflict and said none of its technicians had performed any work in Argentina after it imposed an arms embargo on April 7.

A joint communiqué from the French ministries of Defense and External Relations said an investigation had been completed into allegations by the London *Sunday Times* newspaper that French technicians had helped fit Exocet missiles to French-supplied Super Etendard fighter-bombers during the conflict. The communiqué said no arms had been supplied nor technical assistance given after the French government declared the embargo. "No deliveries of materials were effected after that date. The embargo also covered technical assistance," the communiqué said.

It added that a French team had been working under the terms of the arms contract before hostilities, mainly to set up firing circuits for missile systems. Work on the missile systems stopped on April 7 and no technicians specializing in Exocet missiles were in Argentina after that date, it said.

The Super Etendard is built by France's state-owned Dassault company, and the Exocet missile by Aérospatiale. The *Sunday Times* said the nine-man team of technicians was mainly from Dassault.

Dassault issued a statement Tuesday saying that its technicians had remained in the Buenos Aires region during the fighting and had not given any technical assistance after the embargo.

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UNESCO speaker blasts American arrogance

MENICO CITY, July 28 (AP) — France's minister of culture issued a blistering attack on the multinational communications industry and the United States in particular, declaring that "a country that misuses its power is on the road to decline."

Minister Jack Lang told the UNESCO world cultural conference meeting here Tuesday that some powerful nations that once "called on peoples to rise in order to fight oppression... (now) seem to be inspired by no other ethic than profits."

Lang did not refer to the United States by name, but applauded European nations that stood up to an unnamed "powerful nation" in not heeding President Ronald Reagan's ban on the use of U.S. technology in the construction of the Soviet gas pipeline to Western Europe.

Intellectual imperialism decried

"Culture is not owned by one power," he said. "Let's liberate our imaginations, our energies."

Allan Weinstein, vice chairman of the U.S. delegation to the 119-nation conference, said the United States was surprised and concerned about Lang's remarks.

The French culture minister spoke specifically about the international onslaught of products of the mass communications industry, noting that in many countries the faces of Reagan and Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev are now more familiar to citizens than the faces of their next-door neighbors.

"Culture and economy are the same struggle. There's no point in pulling wool over our eyes and trying to adopt an anglo attitude," Lang said.

He said the mass communications industry is aimed at marketing one standardized music, one way of dressing and one form of entertainment.

"Are we to accept this genuine bombardment of images without doing anything?" Lang asked. "Let's call a spade a spade. We struggle against this form of intellectual and financial imperialism."

He said it was time to take action against "a global kingdom of profits" and that intellectual life now has fallen victim to a "multinational financial domineering system."

Lang said each nation must diversify its sources of culture and "decolonize radio and television networks." Noting the advances of television's new technologies, he said, "new technologies exist, but we must marshal them before they swallow us up."

Weinstein, speaking to reporters at a news conference called to respond to Lang's speech, said "it was with a certain measure of surprise that my government listened to some of minister Lang's statements — surprise and in some instances concern."

He said the U.S. delegates did not plan to make any formal protest but hoped to discuss the differences with Lang. Weinstein denied that the increasing tension between the U.S. and French governments implied a rupture or a "divorce."

"The fact is that there are strains," he said, "What sort of marriage would you want? It involves give and take."

Delegates from 119 countries registered for the conference that opened Monday. It follows by 12 days the first UNESCO world culture conference in Venice, Italy.

U.S. secretly decides to double neutron arms

WASHINGTON, July 28 (ONI) — The Reagan Administration has secretly decided to double or even treble its production of neutron warheads. The new warheads will be fitted to 155mm artillery shells as part of a modernization of U.S. tactical nuclear weapons that could be used in a nuclear war in Europe if the European countries agreed.

Last August the Reagan Administration announced its intention to go ahead with production of two types of neutron warheads totaling 1,300 shells. Production of a third type, the 155mm, totaling between 1,000 and 3,000 shells, was revealed in closed hearings in March before the House of Representatives Armed Services Committee.

A censored report of the hearings, inadvertently disclosing the planned production of the 155mm neutron warhead, was published last week. The President's production decision last year caused an uproar in Europe even though the Administration stressed the neutron warheads would be stockpiled in the United States until allied agreement had been reached to store them in Europe.

Western European governments were particularly annoyed that they had not been given notice of the decision.

Reagan's action was seen as superheating the already volatile political debate over NATO's modernization of its tactical nuclear weapons, including the planned introduction

Nicaragua fears armed conflict

MANAGUA, July 28 (AFP) — Interior Minister Tomas Borge warned here Tuesday of the chance of armed conflict between Nicaragua and neighboring Honduras, and described Central America as being "virtually in a state of war."

"Acts of hostility originating in Honduras and repeated crimes against the people of Nicaragua could end in armed conflict between the two countries," Maj. Borge told reporters. He said Nicaragua was trying to avoid a conflict despite "almost daily provocations."

The interior minister denounced what he called the "silent invasion" of Nicaragua by "counterrevolutionaries." He charged that infiltration by former national guardsmen of ex-dictator Anastasio Somoza was a tactic of the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) against the Sandinista revolution here.

"A visible invasion on a large scale would turn out to be too costly," he said. The government said on July 15 that it was no longer dealing with marauding "bands" of ex-Somoza troops but with "large groups organized and armed like a regular army."

Earlier, in announcing a six-month extension of Nicaragua's state-of-emergency regulations, ruling junta member Sergio Ramirez said that 23 "counterrevolutionaries" had been killed in recent days in combat with Sandinista troops in northern and western Nicaragua.

Since it was decreed last March, the state of emergency had been extended only one month at a time. The six-month prolongation was seen as heralding a tougher anti-opposition line.

Ramirez also denounced recent joint U.S.-Honduran military maneuvers as "an attack against Nicaragua's sovereignty." The government also announced limitations on gasoline sales intended to economize 30 percent of the country's fuel consumption.

In Tegucigalpa, the Honduran capital, the "Nicaraguan Democratic Force," whose declared aim is to unite anti-Sandinista forces, including "honest" former national guardsmen, claimed to have killed 35 Sandinista soldiers last Saturday in an attack on a garrison at San Francisco del Norte in Nicaragua's Chinandega district.

Nicaraguan authorities, stating that there was no military garrison in San Francisco, said ex-Somoza soldiers massacred 14 civilians at the town on Saturday, torturing them before slitting their throats.

Meanwhile, in San Jose, the Costa Rican government declared three Nicaraguan diplomats "persona non grata" and ordered them to leave the country as soon as possible. Reasons for the expulsions were not stated, but were believed to be related to a dynamite attack on a Honduran plane in Costa Rica early this month.

Japanese to explain textbooks

TOKYO. July 28 (R) — The Japanese government promised a quick reply Wednesday to China's official protest over the controversial revision of school history books which glosses over Japanese military action in China before and during World War II.

Kiichi Miyazawa, chief cabinet secretary, and the chief government spokesman, told reporters Japan will explain to China through diplomatic channels the Japanese system of changing textbooks for high schools.

He said the explanation will also detail how the Chinese protest over the revision of the textbooks, which softens the role and actions of the Japanese Army and Air Force in China and Korea, said that it is contrary to the spirit of the two documents.

Before it signed the 1973 accord, Japan expressed repentance over its role in China from 1932, when it established a puppet state in Manchuria, until its defeat in 1945.

Foreign Ministry officials said that South Korea — the entire Korean peninsula was a Japanese colony for 36 years until 1945 — has also sought clarification of the rewrite of Japanese history.

They said that the Foreign Ministry explained the changes to the South Korean Embassy here, which made an enquiry after police protection was increased around the Japanese Embassy in Seoul for fear of demonstrations.

Education and Foreign Ministry officials have explained that the textbook revisions were made on the advice of an advisory body to the Education Ministry and not as the result of a ministerial order.

Cubans reported attacking UNITA

JOHANNESBURG, July 28 (AFP) — Cuban troops in Angola have launched a massive general offensive against the rebel anti-government movement UNITA led by Jonas Savimbi, the South African radio reported Wednesday.

A communiqué issued by UNITA said 8,500 Cubans, aided by Soviet military advisers and using Soviet arms, were taking part in widespread attacks in the center and south of Angola. It did not say when the attack started.

There are an estimated 20,000 Cuban troops in Angola. At the beginning of this week President Fidel Castro said in Havana that they would remain as long as the Angolan government believed that it was threatened by South Africa.

If this Cuban offensive is confirmed, then it will coincide with attempts in New York to finalize a peace settlement in Namibia.

The five-nation contact group (Britain, Canada, France, the United States, West Germany) and the six "front line states" (Angola, Botswana, Mozambique, Tanzania, Zambia, Zimbabwe) and Nigeria have reportedly reached an agreement involving the United Nations.

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